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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

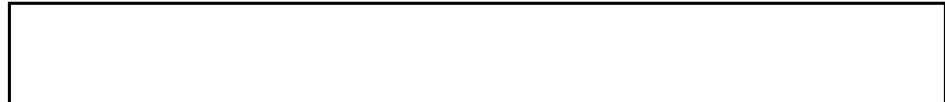
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for 17 August Presidential Briefing

1. Attached are packages on the following subjects.

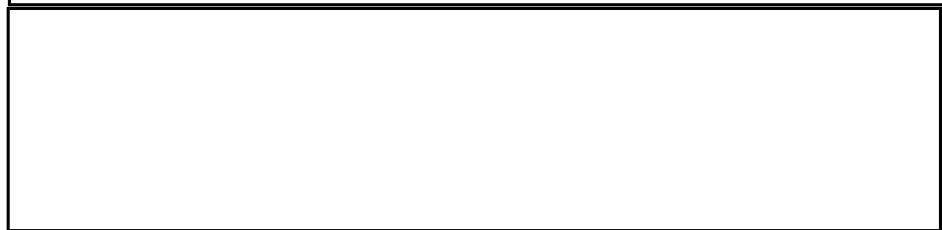
A. Mideast. This package considers both the military balance and the constraints under which Sadat is operating. The NIO/NESA argues that Sadat's constraints are worth discussing because there is significant doubt that they are fully appreciated. The problem is that we still have not illuminated those constraints and we have not done what you told us to do in your cable either. Talking points will be prepared tomorrow morning and will attempt to correct these deficiencies.

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D. Soviet-Cuban Options in Southern Africa has been expanded to include more discussion of the political factors involved. The talking points then try to condense and focus the briefing more sharply.

E. Cuban Manpower is a short item that you can incorporate in your introduction to Soviet-Cuban Options in Southern Africa. It simply points out that when people like George Ball imply we can relax because Cuba is a puny country severely limited in the forces it can deploy or the losses it can accept, they are not correct as long as we are talking a few tens of thousands of troops and Soviet supplies.

F. US-USSR Arms Transfers need take no more than a couple minutes, but you may want to tell the President a classified paper is being distributed. The last version of the paper only counted hardware sales and deliveries, but this paper has a yardstick for everybody.

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